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11. FOLLOWING IRANIAN PRESIDENT RAFSANJANI'S VISIT TO KHARTOUM IN DECEMBER, 1991, THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN HAS ATTEMPTED TO INCREASE ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TIES WITH IRAN, A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE USG LIST OF STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM.

- CONCURRENTLY, THE INVASIVE AND DOMINEERING ROLE OF THE NATIONAL ISLAMIC FRONT OVER THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY IN GENERAL HAS PRODUCED AN ENVIRONMENT WITHIN SUDAN THAT IS INCREASINGLY TOLERANT OF, AND ATTRACTIVE TO, BOTH RADICAL, REJECTIONIST ARABS AND TERRORISTS.

- THE ABSENCE OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY ETHNIC ARAB DESIRING ENTRY INTO SUDAN HAS RESULTED IN THE PRESENCE OF A MYRIAD COLLECTION OF FUNDAMENTALIST ZEALOTS AND TERRORIST ORGANISATION AFFILIATES THAT CHALLENGE MONITORING EFFORTS.

2 THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT DID NOT EXTRADITE OR REQUEST THE EXTRADITION OF ANY SUSPECTED TERRORISTS IN 1992.

13. THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN UNDERTOOK NO COUNTER-TERRORISM EFFORTS IN 1992.

14. IN ADDITION TO ITS CLOSER RELATIONS WITH IRAN, THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN MAINTAINED STRONG RELATIONS WITH OTHER USG DEFINED SPONSORS OF STATE TERRORISM SUCH AS IRAQ AND LIBYA. CONSISTENT WITH ITS SUPPORT FOR IRAQ DURING THE GULF WAR, SUDAN HAS CONTINUED ITS ACTIVE SUPPORT OF IRAQ IN THAT COUNTRY'S CURRENT DEFIANCE OF UNITED NATIONS MEASURES AND THE POLICIES OF THE COALITION POWERS.

15. DURING 1992, SUDAN'S SELF-ISOLATION BOTH FROM THE WESTERN COUNTRIES AND FROM ITS MODERATE ARAB NEIGHBORS HAS GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY. SAUDI ARABIA, ALGERIA AND EGYPT HAVE EXPERIENCED STRAINS IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE KHARTOUM GOVERNMENT. FOLLOWING NUMEROUS ACCUSATIONS OF SUDANESE INVOLVMENT IN TUNISIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE SUDANESE EMBASSY IN TUNIS, AND THE TUNISIAN EMBASSY IN KHARTOUM, WERE CLOSED.

16. THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANISATION HAS MAINTAINED A PROMINENT AND OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED PRESENCE IN SUDAN SINCE ITS 1982 REMOVAL FROM BEIRUT. THIS HAS IN TURN FOSTERED THE PRESENCE IN SUDAN OF NUMEROUS SPLINTER GROUPS AND FACTIONS OF THIS ORGANISATION. ADDITIONALLY, PLO CHAIRMAN YASSIR ARAFAT TRAVELLED TO SUDAN SEVERAL TIMES DURING 1992. THERE ARE REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF OTHER TERRORIST GROUP ENJOYING SAFEHAVEN IN SUDAN AS WELL.

17. ALTHOUGH THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLIED IN GENERAL WITH THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL'S MANDATORY SANCTIONS RESOLUTIONS ON

LIBYA, THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION OF ANY  
SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION OF THE OFFICIAL LIBYAN  
PRESENCE IN SUDAN.

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